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SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$3,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$50,000.

LONDON: Head Office 40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, PERSIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
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AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
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RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

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6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

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THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

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Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 10.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 3rd day of February, 1890, at 4.30 P.M.,

are published for general information.

By Command,

F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 18th January 1890 [160]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1890, at 4.30 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

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DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA.
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DAKIN BROS. available suitable to the
season's complaints:
INFLUENZA.
COLD IN THE HEAD.
CATARRH.

DAKIN BROS. remedy is prepared from a
prescription of Sir R. Martin which proved
extraordinarily efficient in cutting short attacks of
these troublesome complaints.

In Bottles at cents 50. 81.

DAKIN BROS. ANISEED AND
LICORICE COUGH RASLAW.
For the relief of all Coughs, Complaints,
such as Coughs, Cold, Hoarseness, and Sore-
ness of the Throat.

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DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED,
LONDON—HONGKONG—AMOY.

(Telephone No. 60.)

Hongkong, 20th January, 1890.

Manager at the mines to the effect that an output of 450 tons of mixed quartz from the North Tong Kong reef had assayed 3 oz. of gold to the ton, and further that the result of the stamping of 300 tons of stone would be forwarded in a week or two. For the first time in the history of the enterprise something practical is shown to have been accomplished, and if the Acting Manager's report may be relied on—and we can see no reason to question either his experience or good faith—that something has placed the Punjom Company in a position which it has not hitherto occupied. Up till now the concession has produced nothing, but large sums have been expended in exploitation and preliminary working. Now there would appear to be good grounds for believing that the glowing anticipations of the original promoters of the Company are in a fair way of being realised at no very far distant date. Perhaps it would be unwise to be too sanguine of immediate paying results without further confirmatory reports from the mines, although one would certainly be justified in indulging in high hopes even on the bare statement that quartz, of which there is evidently a practically inexhaustible supply, has assayed as high as 3 oz. of gold to the ton.

The North Tong Kong reefs, we believe, situated within the blocks selected by the London Syndicate, and the question may arise, should any more difficulties crop up in carrying out the arrangement made by Mr. BRECHER, or should further delay be insisted on by the London speculators interested, whether it might not be as well for the Punjom Company to energetically proceed with its original programme and work those alleged valuable deposits for the direct benefit of its own shareholders. In the face of the results indicated by the Acting Manager's reports, it would

appear that the Directors are now in a position to dictate terms to would-be-purchasers of sections of their property at Pahang, as it will take a very short time to place the Company in a position to pay

large dividends if 3 oz. per ton—or even

the half of that quantity—can be produced when working on a large scale. And yet, we repeat, although all this was well known in town nearly a week ago, the price of Punjoms gradually dropped

until after settling day, and then a sudden

change set in, and scrip that nobody

would look at on Monday last at \$15 is

now in high favor at an increase of about

twenty-five cent on that rate. The ways

and methods of the experts who control the

rate of Punjoms in the local market are indeed mysterious.

THE Royal Engineers' Athletic Sports are to take place to-morrow week. There are a number of events open to the other branches of the Service, Police, &c.

MESSRS. Butterfield & Swire inform us that the Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Cyclops*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and is due on the 5th prox.

SHEREHOLDERS in the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company will regret to learn that the Hon. C. P. Chater has announced his intention of resigning his position as Managing Director.

THE alleged murderers of Governor Main at Timor are having another trip. The gunboat *Rio Lima* left Macao on Wednesday, carrying them back to their native land. They will no doubt be tried soon after England takes Portugal.

In an Imperial decree of the 3rd instant the Emperor prohibits the Manchurians from selling their land in Mongolia to the Chinese who have settled there, and amassed money enough to purchase real estate. In the same decree the Emperor notifies the authorities that the Empress Dowager will, on the 15th of the coming intercalary moon (the second moon), go to the "Tung Ling" (Emperors' graves) to worship her ancestors, and will return to the palace by the 23rd; and orders are given to prepare the route.

THE following statistics are published in Russia of trade between Russia and China during the first eight months of the year 1889. The trade shows a considerable decrease, being 2,107,351 roubles of exports, against 3,162,114 roubles for the same period in 1888, and 6,228,559 roubles of imports, into Russia, against 8,50,000 roubles for 1888. The principal articles furnished by Russia to China are wool, cotton goods, leather, and furs. China exports to Russia chiefly tea, valued at 4,525,000 roubles, and 51,562 roubles of burnt sugar.

ANOTHER victim of the *Yotsai* explosion. We regret to learn that Mr. J. S. Brewer, Government Marine Surveyor of this colony, died at Harrogate on December 24th, at the early age of 41 years. Mr. Brewer, whose health had always been uncertain since the *Yotsai* disaster, went home on leave last year, and it was generally believed that he would never return. Generally popular in his professional capacity, Mr. Brewer was also a great social favorite, and he will be much missed by the A.D.C. and Choral Society, of which institutions he was an active and useful member.

DR. CANTLIE lectured last night, as per promise, to the members of the Literary Society. His subject was "Food in the Tropics." Hongkong is not too tropical just now, but he predicted that it was, and enlightened his hearers for about an hour on the indigestibility of the beef and mutton out here, the dangers of curry, the fatality of fruit, and the inferiority of "chow" generally. After a passing reference to the justifiability of slaughtering the native cook, he concluded, in an unpunctuated sentence a quarter of a column long, by recommending everybody to Not Eat So Much.

THAT weak-minded "fly-paper," the Macao *Independent*, is very wrong because we hinted, the other day, that the Union Jack might be waving itself over Lisbon's towers and Macao's shut fan-tan shops. The patriotic peddler who runs our contemporary finds comfort in the reflection that it will not be the first time, and adds something about *cero nos custo*—which means that they don't care a cuss how soon it happens again, so long as the embers in the national grate are once more poked into a blaze. Only they don't want the fan-tan shops to be closed, or where will the excursionist business go to?

THE Exchange Telegraph Company says: According to news received from China by the Admiralty Board, which consists for practical purposes of Prince Chun, the Marquis Taeng, and the Viceroy Li, succeeded, with the aid of the Empress Dowager, in getting the Emperor to issue the celebrated decree containing the famous dictum that "to make a country powerful railways are essential." The opposition has now succeeded in making him add the riders, "That they must only be built with Chinese money," and this has put an effectual stop to the scheme. It is, however, believed in some quarters that the present position of the question is only temporary, the Emperor being said to be little more than a figurehead looking now this way, now that, as the progressists and obstructionists get possession of the helm of the ship of State,

ANOTHER Far East celebrity, "Mysterious Dunn," has gone the way of all flesh. Our Shanghai morning contemporary of the 27th inst. says:—There will be general regret to hear that news was received on Saturday by wire of the death in London of Mr. John George Dunn, the disease that finally carried him off being influenza. He was a very old resident of Shanghai, having been in Messrs. Lindsay & Co.'s some thirty years ago, and subsequently a partner in what is now Messrs. Reid, Evans & Co. He was afterwards connected with Mr. John Pender, who sent him out to China to look after the interests of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. A Roman Catholic, he took much interest in the affairs of the missions of that church in China. He was a warm friend and a dangerous enemy, and one of the most charming companions it was possible to meet. His vigorous writing will be missed in the *Chinese Times*. He was very ill when he left here, but got much better on the way home, and it was hoped that he would make a complete recovery. There are many who spoke lightly of the "mysterious Colonel" while he was alive, who will sincerely mourn his death.

THE Chinese *Times* of the 11th writes as follows on the subject of the interview that some of the foreign consuls in Shanghai had with Chang Chih-tung.—Shanghai does most things well, but it has never known exactly how to treat a high Chinese official. When Li Hung-chang was in the settlement some seven years ago, the foreigner missed a rare opportunity for establishing a precedent for future relations between themselves and the Chinese authorities; and now they have gone to a quite needless extreme in courting the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung. For thrusting themselves upon that conceited and turbulent foreigner, the Consuls deserved all they got in the constituency with which they were received, and it is satisfactory to see there was one Consul who knew how to maintain his dignity as representative of a great country, and held aloof from the *kaolu*. The merest tyro knows the importance of keeping Chinese officials to proper rules of etiquette, and as the principle of receiving Consuls and other officials on terms of equality has been thoroughly established by the practice of Li Hung-chang, there is no greater among the Chinese, than whom there is to be seen here and there, bullet-holes in the skulls, made in the bloody days of the Revolution; the creeping mold was over all, and when the signal came we gladly left this chamber of death.

THE Manche ter Canal now employs 12,000 men and will be ready in fifteen months.

IT is stated that the London Illustrated papers are now enjoying a large circulation on the Continent, owing to the spread of the English language.

A NEW YORK paper describes a well-known pianist as a "raven-curled, low-chinned, alco- holic, athletic, piano-abuser." No action for libel yet reported.

A REGULAR meeting of the Eothen Mark Lodge of Hongkong, No. 264, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeeland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Ulu Pahang correspondent of the *Strait Times* writes that smallpox has broken out in the vicinity of Kuant.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the "Glen" liner *Glenavon*, from London and Antwerp, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port, and is due on the 5th prox.

ACCORDING to the *Siam Mercantile Gazette*, Mr. Henry Norman, the *Pall Mall Gazette* commissioner, obtained a concession of a gold mine during his recent abode in the land of the White Elephant.

WE note the arrival by the French mail steamer *Oreus* of Mr. D. Cinault, for many years Harbour Master of Macao. Mr. Cinault returns to the Far East to take up the appointment of consul for Portugal at Canton.

THE hon. treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital, Mr. E. W. Maitland, acknowledges the receipt of \$350 from the Parsee Charity Fund, given for the relief of the indigent and destitute Chinese who apply to the Hospital authorities

THE Brazilian Finance Minister has telegraphed that the restoration of the monarchy is impossible, that the claims of some European Powers to interfere with Brazilian affairs is ridiculous, and that an offensive and defensive alliance exists between the Republic and the whole of America.

A JAVA contemporary reports that on the 4th instant the Dutch troops in Achene achieved a signal success by the surprise and capture, with the loss of only three wounded, of four strongholds of the Achinese in the vicinity of Kots Pohana and Pakon Kroeng Tjoet. The Achinese were taken unawares, and effected a precipitate retreat.

THE *Times*, discussing the last army returns, states that Hongkong has 1,700 men of all ranks, consisting of two garrison batteries, an engineer company, a line battalion, and a colonial corps of five companies. We wonder on what authority the played-out old *Thunder* made this statement! Where is the "colonial corps of five companies," anyhow?

AN earth-coolie who ran a little opium shanty down at West Point when not "humping" his baskets, was visited by some excise-officers yesterday. They found a trifle of opium, and some smoking apparatus, and as the offender had "done his bit" once before, he was fined \$200 this morning. As that represented about two years' pay he took the alternative six months.

THE Lord Provost of Glasgow, dour man, stated at a meeting of the Town Council the other day that he would subscribe £1,000 to a fund for building an art gallery in Glasgow, if three other citizens each gave a similar sum. He believed that with the surplus from the Exhibition, and the subscriptions which he and others there might give, they might raise a sum of £200,000. Let Glasgow flourish!

EVEN the most taciturn of the many captains of steamers running into Hongkong will wax voluble over one nuisance—that of having a host of sampans hanging on to the stern when they are trying to fetch their buoy. The *Taiyuan* was attacked in this way this morning when she came in, although a lot of the crew were told off to repel boarders. Sergt. Hawkins got ten of the offenders, and they were fined \$10 each an hour later. As most of them paid, the early boarder evidently thinks it is a privilege worth risking a good deal for.

OUR excellent friend Chang Chih-tung, Governor-General of the Liang Hu, continues his crusade in his new vice-royalty against the wholesale system of bribery and corruption which degrade the public service of the Chinese Empire. Chang recently posted up notices informing all officials within his jurisdiction that he will not receive any presents of whatsoever kind, nor will any of the employees in his Yamen be allowed to receive presents in any shape, nor will his doorkeeper be allowed to exact or receive money or presents from visitors or callers on official business at his yamen; and all are positively informed that no one in the yamen can in any way influence him in his decisions (so bribes are not required in hopes of help being rendered in an underhand way); and he further informs the officials who may be transferred, or those who may be promoted, not to give any present to the messenger who may carry the happy news to them. (It is customary for a recipient to pay a very heavy present in money to the messenger of good news). His Excellency further warns all the officials who are under his control to discharge their duties properly and diligently, and those who neglect their duties are to beware of his wrath.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Chicago Journal* gives the following interesting account of the sewers and catacombs of Paris.—These underground wonders are two things somewhat out of the general line of city sight-seeing, and must of course be visited. Descending into the sewers from the Place de la Madeleine by a carpeted stair, we see an arched way about twenty feet wide and fifteen feet high; in the center flows a rapid stream with a long line of boats on it, nicely cushioned, each with eight men in white blouses to pull it, who walk on footpaths at the side. We step in and are soon on our voyage. There is no odor to speak of, and the way is lighted by electricity. Lines of water-pipes, gas-pipes, electric wires, telegraph wires and pneumatic tubes are carried along the sides, the whole underground service of Paris being provided for here so that there is no necessity of tearing up the streets. Soon we come to a still larger main, where water pipes five feet in diameter are carried along the sides on standards, and taking a tramcar on a track over the water channel, still drawn by men, we journey on. We see Rue Rivoal, Rue St. Honoré, and other names on the walls, showing the street we are traveling under, and passing branches on each side, bringing them to the main channel. At last, after nearly an hour, we come into daylight again. It is an odd journey. The catacombs were formerly immense stone quarries, extending for miles under the city, worked as far back as the Roman times, and having over sixty entrances from different parts of the city. During the Reign of Terror thousands of bodies were thrown in them, and as they were no longer used as quarries the city has since transferred there the bones from a number of cemeteries in the city limits that have been abandoned. We walked through aisle after aisle of grimacing skulls and crossbones piled up ten feet high, as systematically and regularly, as cordwood. It did not seem possible that so many human beings could have lived in Paris. We had only little flickering candlesticks, each one held in his hand, the air chilly and damp, would almost blow them out as we crossed the passages leading out into the darkness on each side, we could see here and there, bullet-holes in the skulls, made in the bloody days of the Revolution.

THE NAVY.—The *Chicago Journal* writes that the *U.S.A.* has been ordered to the Pacific to search for the missing *Relief* and the *Concord*. The Chairman having announced that the dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow, the proceedings terminated.

KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE first ordinary meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held this afternoon, at the offices of the agents, Victoria Buildings. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. F. D'A. Gomes presided, and Messrs. F. Henderson, Ho Tung (directors), E. C. Ray, H. J. Holmes, D. McCulloch, J. F. da Rosa, and A. Shelton Hooper (secretary) were present.

Mr. Holmes moved for the adoption of the report, mentioning that building operations were shortly to be commenced.

Mr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

The Chairman having announced that the dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow, the proceedings terminated.

Lord SALISBURY is making good progress towards recovery, but care is still necessary.

Obituary. Sir Edward Bosc Sladen.

The epidemic of influenza is spreading to the provincial towns in England. In the capitals of Germany, France and Austria it is abating.

The African Lakes Company publishes a sensational telegram without any date relative to searching steamers and the lowering of the British flag by the Portuguese in Nyassaland.

It is believed here that the above telegram refers to old incidents, as neither the British nor Portuguese Governments have been informed of any fresh incidents in that region.

Sir Lepel and Lady Griffin start for Burma on Friday, in order to inspect the ruby mines.

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, who was lately reported to be seriously ill, is now in better health.

Dr. O'Callaghan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Cork, has denounced the new secret revolution ary society formed in Cork, which claims the right to punish refractory members with death.

The Dublin City Corporation have refused to invite her Majesty the Queen to formally open the new Museum in that city, fearing that such action on their part would bring political discredit on them.

News has been received from East Africa to the effect that a decisive battle has been fought between the force under Major Wiseman and the hostile Arabs at Saadani. After four hours' fighting the Arabs were defeated.

The *Pall Mall Gazette*, in commenting upon the proceedings of the Portuguese in South-east Africa, advises the British Government to seize Delagoa Bay.

Lord SALISBURY cavalierly ignores the Portug uese pretensions in South-East Africa, and insists upon the rights of England being recognised. He threatens to bring about an immediate diplomatic rupture with Portugal, or even something worse, unless satisfaction is given for the outrages committed by Major Serpa Pinto's expedition.

It was reported that the British Mediterranean fleet has been ordered to assemble in the River Tagus on the 12th instant. The report, however, is regarded as premature.

The Standard insists upon vigorous action being taken by England in order to restore her prestige in Africa.

It is stated that German engineers are engaged in laying mines in the Tagus.

The French vintage is eight million gallons below the average of the last 12 years.

A large theatre in Brussels has been destroyed by fire.

The Dowager Empress Augusta of Germany, widow of the late Emperor William, is suffering severely from the influenza epidemic. She is in a feverish condition, and very restless.

Prince Maximilian, of Thurn-et-Taxis, a petty German State, has died of influenza.

HONGKONG, CANTON, & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held at noon to-day, at the offices, Bank Buildings. The Hon. P. Ryrie presided, and there were present Messrs. E. B. Bellis, L. Poonecker, F. A. Gomes, Poole, Pong, Lee Sing (directors), F. Jordan, R. Talbot, E. George, A. S. Cohen, E. A. Jorge, E. J. Moses, B. N. Elias, J. C. Cunha, J. S. Perry, R. P. Cosca, C. A. Ozorio, R. A. Gubbay, P. E. Levy, J. B. Gomes, Ho Tung, etc., and T. Arnold (secretary).

The Chairman desired that the report should be taken as read, and continued:—You have no doubt gathered from it that the business of the Company has been good—very good, but there is an unfortunate drawback in the price of coal. This, as you see, is a very important item, and I regret to inform you that unless there is a considerable drop during the next six months the difference will be a matter of \$24,000 on the year. That is a

Thirteen hundred employees in the Central Post Office, London, are suffering from the malady.

The epidemic is worst in the west, and north of London. It is now general throughout England, and is spreading to Ireland. The disease is also very prevalent in Italy.

The mortality in Berlin is unusually high. It is reported that Russia, which has hitherto possessed considerable influence in Bokhara, will assume the command of the army in that country, numbering 60,000.

Lord Augustus Loftus, late Governor of New South Wales, is at present staying at Cannes, where he is engaged in writing the recollection of his diplomatic and colonial career.

Owing to the strike of gas-stokers in London the export of coal from Belgium has been stopped.

The elections to the German Reichstag will take place on March 6th.

It is reported that in view of the attitude of Greece towards Sevilia the Porte will appoint Moustak Pasha military commander in Macedonia.

General Bourgane is making desperate efforts to carry the Paris municipal elections, which take place in May.

JANUARY 10th.

The sick at Aldershot average ten men in each Company of the Garrison. The Guards Hospital in London is full of men suffering from influenza, and two deaths have occurred amongst them.

BERLIN, January 10th.

The *Tagblatt* states that Bawanneri has captured Herr Gravenreuth, Major Wissman's lieutenant, and two other German officers.

MADRID, January 11th.

The condition of King Alfonso is more hopeful and his fever has gone, but he has been reduced to great weakness.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 11th.

General Sheremetieff will probably succeed General Dondeikoff in command of the army of the Caucasus.

General Alikhanoff has been dismissed from the command of the Russian forces in Merv district, pending an enquiry that is to be made into a charge of cruelty which has been brought against him by natives, who have lodged strong complaints with the Russian Government in the matter.

The reports that have lately been current of a military plot against the Czar or political disturbances among the Siberian exiles have been officially denied here.

LONDON, January 12th.

Lord Salisbury has demanded of Portugal that she should give positive assurances that she will not exercise, by any act, jurisdiction over the district where Great Britain claims proteccorate. Portugal has assented on condition that Great Britain agrees to reciprocate. Portugal has asked the good offices of one of the Powers, who was willing to mediate, but mediation was not necessary, since Great Britain was so far satisfied as to continue negotiations.

Admiral Fremantle, with nine British men-of-war, has left Zimizibar and proceeded in a southerly direction.

Sir John Pope Hennessy is a candidate in the Liberal interest for West Waterford.

Doctor Dollinger is dead.

There is no truth in the statement that the Queen contemplates paying a visit to Hamburg and Spain.

Lord Hartington is laid up in bed with influenza. Both his lordship's lungs are affected.

News from Lisbon, which has since been confirmed, states that Portugal yielded to Great Britain in consequence of an ultimatum having been presented by Mr. Glynn Petre, the British Minister, on Saturday evening, demanding a reply to Lord Salisbury's note within twenty-four hours.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 12th.

The Russian Budget for the coming year has been published, and shows a surplus of one and a half million rubles. No fresh taxation is proposed, the Czar, desiring thus to give fresh proof of his unchanging resolve to maintain peace honorable to Russia and develop the resources of the country.

It is semi-officially stated here that Russia only intrudes and does not exercise any control over the Bokharian army.

LONDON, January 13th.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the Royal Institution on Saturday. Professor Max Müller, in his inaugural address, said that the Imperial Institution was a school of modern Oriental studies in conjunction with University College. The Prince of Wales dwelt on the commercial and diplomatic importance of Englishmen acquiring a knowledge of Oriental languages.

LISBON, January 13th.

A Council of State was held yesterday evening, over which King Carlos presided. It is reported that Portugal, yielding to the representations of the British Government, has ordered the withdrawal of her troops from Shuid and Mashona Territory.

BERLIN, January 13th.

Emperor William, in receiving the Presidents of the Reichstag, said that the situation at present appeared to fully assure the world's peace. The geographical position of Germany, he said, requires that she should incessantly maintain an army and navy of the highest efficiency.

LONDON, January 13th.

Lord Hartington is better. A disastrous cyclone and storm has taken place in Illinois doing great damage to churches and stores at St. Louis, and other cities. Several people have been killed and many injured.

KOREA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CHINULPO, January 18th.

Dr. Allen had an audience with the King on the 12th, and he left for Nagasaki to fetch his wife and child in the *Tsuruga* on the 17th. I am informed that he will open a medical mission at this port, but others state that he wants to get the post of Adviser to the King, or to get back as the King's physician and prompter, but the King will be bigger fool than I take him to be if he takes him back into his service.

Pak has not gone into exile yet; it looks as though the King were trying to bluff Yuan over this affair, and just leave him off with promises. China will soon look small if she is not firmer in this Pak affair.

General Dye's house was destroyed by fire on the 18th instant, in the forenoon. Do not know how it occurred. I hear that the General is thinking of entering an action for libel against a living Hongkong contemporary. What a joke it will be! What fun the Editor will have with this old warrior in court. A lot of us will take a trip to Hongkong to see the fun.

Military difficulties are not settled yet; the Korean Government are treating the American Minister very shabbily, I think.

The steamer *Hao* leaves here-to-day for Yokohama, and Mr. Harvey, an American mining engineer, leaves in her, bound for San Francisco, —*Shanghai Mercury*.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

JANUARY 10th, 1890.

We have been having exceedingly mild and unseasonable weather for this time of year. The river is open from some distance above Tientsin

to Taku, and there is little doubt but that steamers could now reach the head with little or no difficulty. In early December, there was every appearance of speedy closing of the river; indeed the Chinese predicted an early and a severe winter, which has utterly failed of fulfillment thus far. There is time enough yet, however, and observers have noticed that our cold weather usually comes about at the time of the Chinese New Year. This is not now far distant.

Skating has not been as good as in former years because of the mildness of the winter. For the same cause apparently, not a few of our residents have been evidently "under the weather" from colds, and other causes. Most persons are wishing for colder and more seasonable temperature.

The influx of refugees that was feared last fall by both the Chinese and the foreigners, has been by some cause averted. For this we are not sorry, and hope they have found other and more satisfactory means of support, if there was such a needy crowd as was represented, than begging; which is demoralizing to any human being. Only about the usual number of beggars appear to be on the streets, with the occasional appearance of a family, or several individuals, evidently seeking assistance, and apparently need.

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